MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE AND EDUCATION

offer workers further protection.

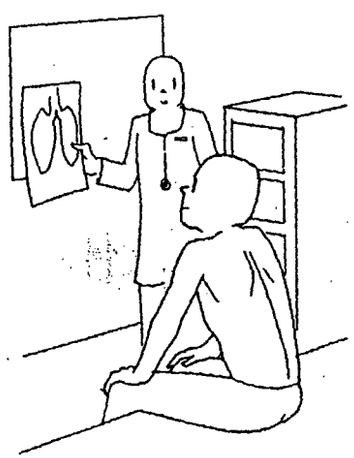
MEDICAL EXAMS

Employees who are exposed to asbestos fibers at or above the action level* will receive medical exams:

- before they are placed in their jobs
- annually
- upon termination.

Exams are given by licensed physicians, and they're free to employees.

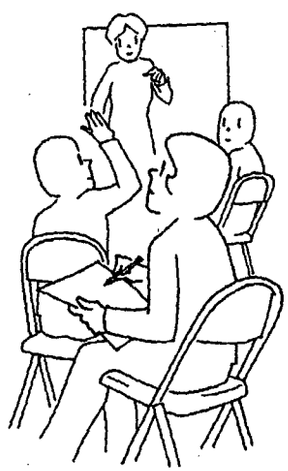
*In the construction industry, exams are given to employees who are exposed to asbestos fibers at or above the action level for 30 or more days per year.



EDUCATION

Anyone exposed at or above the action level will be placed in the education program and receive annual training. Topics covered include:

- recognizing asbestos
- health hazards
- relationship between asbestos and smoking
- importance of protective controls
- proper use and understanding of respirators.



SOME ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

for the construction industry

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CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

exposed to asbestos in remodeling, renovation, demolition, and new construction are now protected by OSHA. Rules and regulations also protect workers (in any industry) involved in:

- removal or encapsulation of asbestos
- salvage operations
- emergency clean-up projects
- transportation, storage and disposal.



EMPLOYER COMMUNICATION

at construction sites is vital. Workers from all the various trades involved in a project must be notified of the potential hazards they face and advised in ways to protect themselves.

